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**Via Express Mail**

Mail Stop Fee Amendment  
United States Patent and Trademark Office  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**RE: APPLICATION OF GAYLE ROSENBERG AND ELI S. PINE**  
**Serial No.: 10/760, 165 Grout Art Unit: 3724**  
**Filed: JANUARY 20, 2004 Examiner: DOUGLAS D. WATTS**  
**Title: EXPANDABLE KNIFE HOLDER**

Dear Sir:

Enclosed herewith please find applicant's amendment and responding argument to the examiner's Office action dated June 21, 2004. Applicant has increased the number of independent claims to nine and accordingly submits an additional fee of \$258.00.

Also enclosed is an appointment duly executed by the inventors, appointing the firm of Herten, Burstein, Sheridan, Cevasco, Bottinelli, Litt, Toskos & Harz, L.L.C. and the undersigned as attorneys to prosecute the application and transact all business in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office regarding the above application.

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We look forward to your prompt attention to the above.

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

PRELIMINARY REMARKS

In response to the outstanding Office action with a mailing date of June 21, 2004, the applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating allowable subject matter in claims 6-12 and 14 which, if rewritten in independent form, including all of the limitations of the base claim (claim 1) and any intervening claims, would be allowable. Part of this Amendment satisfies the Examiner's objection and allowance of those claims is herewith requested. As to the remaining claims in the case, applicant presents argument to distinguish those claims from the teachings of Kermit E. Meehan, and based on those arguments, reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims is requested:

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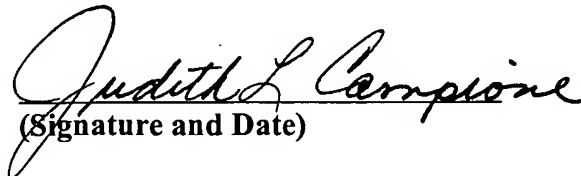
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